

Chester did not fully retire until recently, instead choosing to continue to work several days a week at the Lowe's Drug Store in Maryville up until his 90th birthday.

Madam Speaker, I would like to congratulate Chester Graves on his well-deserved retirement and bring to the attention of my Colleagues and other readers of the RECORD a tribute to Chester that appeared in The Daily Times on December 14, 2009, which is reprinted below.

MARYVILLE PHARMACIST RETIRES AFTER 60-YEAR CAREER

(By J.J. Kindred)

After more than 60 years in the pharmaceutical business, you would think Chester Graves would have at least one negative thing that happened in his career.

Not a chance.

Graves retired last month after a career that spanned more than half of a century. Reportedly he is the longest-serving pharmacist in the State of Tennessee.

He has his wife's uncle to thank for jump-starting his career.

"He had a drug store, and he said if I would go into pharmacy, he would let me come into business with him," said Graves, who will turn 90 next month. "They opened up a new Baptist Hospital in Knoxville and he became a chief pharmacist and he sold his drug store."

A McMinn County native, Graves spent more than four years in the military, serving during World War II. He went to pharmacy school at the University of Tennessee at Memphis and worked for the former Cole Drug Store (which became Revco, then bought out by CVS).

He spent several years in Greeneville, working for Ciba, (Chemical Industries Basel) for 37 years in sales before it merged with Novartis, in 1997.

He won the Tennessee Pharmacy Association's Lubin Sales Representative Award in 1984.

For 13 years, Graves worked for Lowe's Drug Store in Maryville in its nursing home division two or more days a week until his retirement.

He originally wanted to attend college to major in chemical engineering until the pharmaceutical opportunity came along.

"I didn't need to be changing (career choices) around all the time," Graves said.

He said with his work at Ciba, which is based in Switzerland, he traveled frequently with the company all over the country.

So what does Graves attribute his long career to?

"I never did drink or smoke," he said with a laugh. "The good Lord has been good to me, and (Lowe's) was exceptionally good to me. I only worked two days a week, but if somebody went on vacation and they needed me, they would call me."

Graves said the best thing about being a pharmacist was that "you help people. A lot of people come in and talk to a pharmacist before they go see a doctor. It's a good profession. What I did over (at Lowe's), they service a lot of nursing homes. We had technicians fill, orders and make stare (customers) have the right orders."

The pharmaceutical business has changed frequently over the years, Graves said.

"Pharmacists don't talk much with the patients like they used to," he said. "I didn't talk to customers much—I worked back in the back. The only people back there were the technicians and me. If there was somebody I knew I would go and talk to them."

"I would still be working if I could—I need the money," Graves added with a laugh.

He said he would miss the contact with people he worked with at Lowe's. "They are very nice people," he said.

Graves added that he would want his legacy to state that he helped a lot of people.

"I would hope that I helped a lot of them," he said. "I worked as manufacturer and worked heavily with doctors and druggists. I had a good repertoire. There would be a new drug that would come out and I would tell them what I had been told about the drug."

Steve Myers, co-owner of Lowe's, described Graves as a "professional person. He never became angry and he never met a stranger. He was just very goodhearted, he worked hard, and just a person everybody liked. The biggest thing I will miss about him is his friendship."

Now that Graves is retired, what will he do now?

"Rake leaves," he said with a laugh.

HONORING THE MORRISTOWN CLUB OF MORRIS COUNTY, NEW JERSEY, ON ITS 125TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor The Morristown Club of Morris County, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 125th Anniversary Year.

The Morristown Club was organized in December 1884, in response to an invitation sent to a list of residents who lived in the area and were deserving of a social meeting place.

From 1889 to 1929, The Morristown Club was located at 126 South Street. Members of the Club were prominent in the community and many members served in World Wars I and II. In 1928, the Club members purchased a new building at 27 Elm Street where the club still resides today.

In September 1983, the Club admitted women to membership and elected as its first women members, Congresswoman Millicent Fenwick and State Assemblywoman Josephine Margetts.

The club continues to provide luncheons and regular dinners with speakers and various programs. The Club has also made considerable investments in interior and exterior restorations in keeping with the historic character of the building and neighborhood.

Madam Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating the members of The Morristown Club as they celebrate 125 years in our community.

EARLY DETECTION MONTH FOR BREAST CANCER

SPEECH OF

HON. NICK J. RAHALL II

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 20, 2010

Mr. RAHALL. Mr. Speaker, I strongly support designating an Early Detection Month for Breast Cancer and All Forms of Cancer (H. Con. Res. 158). As a cancer survivor myself, I stand here as proof that early detection can save lives.

While the search for a cancer cure continues, much progress has been made in the areas of prevention, detection and treatment

of cancers. However, there are still over 2 million new cases of cancer diagnosed each year.

The statistics are alarming: Breast cancer remains one of the most prevalent cancers affecting women, and prostate cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death among men. Only non-melanoma skin cancer remains more common for men and women overall. Right now, it is estimated that one in eight women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in their lifetime, and one in six men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer.

Sadly, thousands of West Virginia women faced breast cancer diagnosis in 2009 alone. Yet each year, more women survive their battle with breast cancer due to medical advances in early detection and treatment. Medical researchers, including those at Marshall University's Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine in Huntington, West Virginia, are working hard to improve those figures—but early detection remains an important key to saving lives, which is why I strongly support this effort to designate an Early Detection Month to bring attention and focus to this critical issue.

The steady decline in deaths resulting from breast cancer can be attributed to an increase in the number of women who receive mammograms and the development of powerful new drugs that successfully treat cancer.

As many of you are aware, in 2006 I was diagnosed with prostate cancer and subsequently underwent surgery. I am very thankful for all of the West Virginians who contacted me, offering their prayers and support as I prepared for my procedures, through my recovery, and up to this day. I am also truly grateful to the doctors who were able to diagnose my cancer early and—with immediate treatment, they improved my chances for survival.

Cancer screening is often quick and easy and many testing measures can be performed in a local doctor's office. So many lives can be saved and so many families spared a tragic heartache of dealing with cancer diagnosis. That is why I support H. Con. Res. 158 and the efforts to encourage early detection since the bottom line with cancer is raising awareness and early detection saves lives.

HEALTHCARE DEBATE

HON. JOHN J. DUNCAN, JR.

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, January 21, 2010

Mr. DUNCAN. Madam Speaker, I hope that everyone who is concerned about the current healthcare debate will read the following two insertions that I would like to call to the attention of my colleagues and other readers of the Record.

First, this letter from Dr. Douglas MacKenzie, a surgeon from Santa Barbara, California.

Second, this article from Investor's Business Daily by Tevi Troy, a Fellow at Hudson Institute, and former Deputy Secretary of Health and Human Services, and Jeffery Anderson, a Senior Fellow in healthcare studies at Pacific Research Institute.

HOW TO SOLVE HEALTHCARE ACCOUNTABILITY

"Decades of data confirm the simple truth: If we want to lower health costs, we need to put consumers back in charge.